



The Three Women in the First Company of Pioneers

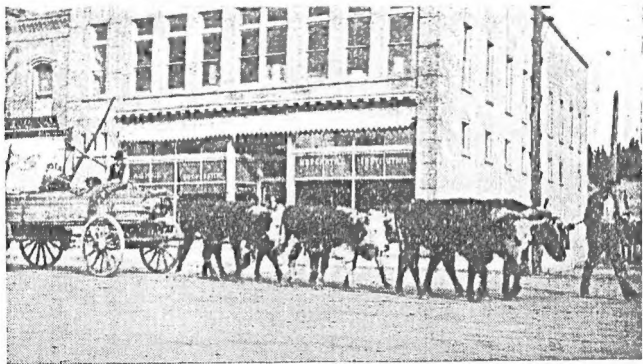
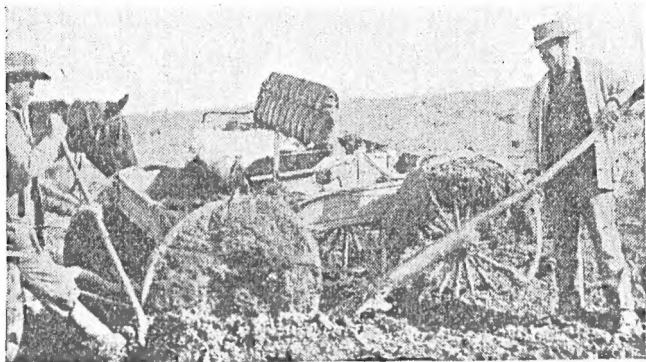
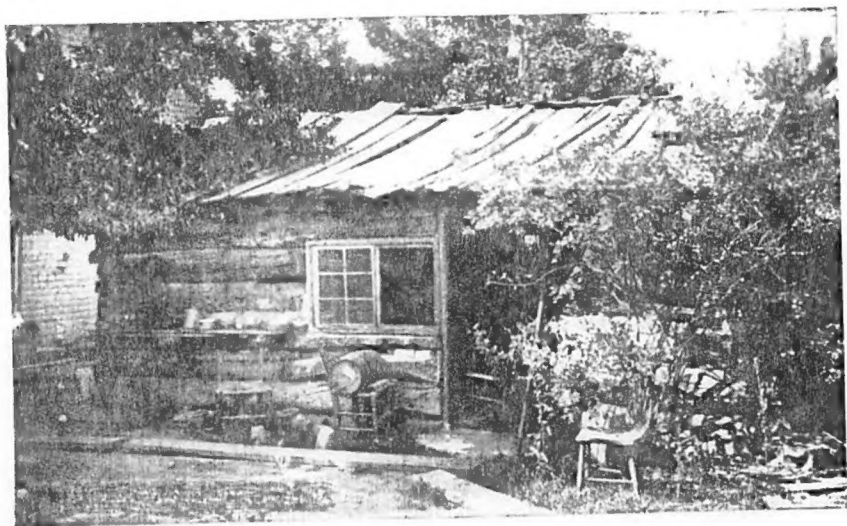


FIGURE 129—Typical scenes of early transportation in Utah.



THE OLDEST MORMON HOUSE IN UTAH

## GROUPS RETURN TO WINTER QUARTERS

The pioneer company had now laid the foundation for the new Zion where other Saints could join them in their mountain retreat. Over 1,500 Mormon emigrants were on the plains now wending their way toward Utah. President Young felt great anxiety for those emigrants. They must be directed to the selected spot. Also, the small group that had already arrived must work hard to make preparations for themselves and those who would come later to live through the winter which would soon be upon them.

"Ezra T. Benson," Brigham directed, "I want you to take three companions and go on horseback eastward to meet the oncoming immigrants. Tell Brothers Pratt and Taylor, who are in charge of them, that the gathering place for the Saints has been found. Obtain the names of all the members of the migrating 'Camps of Israel,' and also a list of the number of wagons, horses, oxen and other animals and equipment. Ascertain the condition of the health and needs of the emigrants. Return to us as soon as possible, so that assistance might be rendered if necessary."